

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO CHILE AND PERU  
(15-22 JANUARY 2018)

**MID-DAY PRAYER WITH CONTEMPLATIVE WOMEN RELIGIOUS  
HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

Shrine of the Lord of the Miracles (Lima)  
Sunday, 21 January 2018

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[...]

To be love! This means being able to stand alongside the suffering of so many of our brothers and sisters, and to say with the Psalmist: "In my distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free" (Ps 117:5). In this way, your cloistered life can attain a missionary and universal outreach and play "a fundamental role in the life of the Church. You pray and intercede for our many brothers and sisters who are prisoners, migrants, refugees and victims of persecution. Your prayers of intercession embrace the many families experiencing difficulties, the unemployed, the poor, the sick, and those struggling with addiction, to mention just a few of the more urgent situations. You are like those who brought the paralytic to the Lord for healing (cf. Mk 2: 1-12)". They were not ashamed, they were "without shame", and well said. There were not ashamed to make a hole in the roof to lower down the paralytic. Be "not ashamed" to bring before the power of God, through your prayers, the miseries of mankind. That is your prayer. "Through your prayer, night and day, you bring before God the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters who for various reasons cannot come to him to experience his healing mercy, even as he patiently waits for them. By your prayers, you can heal the wounds of many".[2] [...]